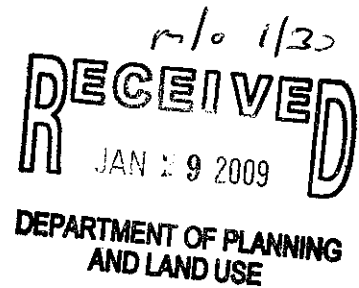


Sweetwater Community
Planning Group Minutes
Meeting January 6, 2009



Item 1: Meeting called to order by Co-chair Sheri Todus at 7:00 PM at Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

Members present : Harriet, Sheri, Uwe, Rick, Alan, Doc Stokos, Muriel, Steve, Liz, John, Georjean, Don, and Mark.

Excused: Gretchen Burkey

Item 1: Minutes: Accepted as presented. Motion Don, seconded Rick. Passed unanimously

Item 2: Opportunity for public to speak to Planning Group about subjects not on agenda. Liz asked for someone to go to the DPLU meeting as she would be unable to attend. After a long silence, Steve raised his hand.

Item 3: APN 570-170-53-00 Chula Vista proposal for 2 new buildings adjacent to the closed Pier One store at 260 Bonita Road. Tabled.

Item 4 : ZAP 08-008-3430 Maalouf upgrade existing 2nd dwelling built in 1978. Colleen Maalouf presented. After long discussion on situation which is in 1978 the building was accepted. The upgrades are to bring building up to code.

Motion: To accept as presented, by John Taylor, seconded by Rick Blacklock. Motion carried with 11 voting aye. Doc Stokos abstained.

Item 5: SR125 South Gap and Connector Project for Trail Closure for bridge at Bonita Golf Course south of Sweetwater Rd. starting mid January and continuing for three or four months. Action item.
Lorenzo Garito and Casey Meredith presenting.

The SR125 people plan to put a 'break-away' bridge over the Sweetwater River east of the Bonita Golf Course to allow pedestrians and equestrians better access to the trail. In order to do this, and because of construction hazards, portions of the trails leading to the construction zone need to be closed. The bridge is to conform to the standard set by the bridge which is in place further south.

Mark and Muriel spoke about the possibility of leaving part of the proposed closed trail open to allow riders, especially children access to other trails without having to ride along Sweetwater Road.

Motion: To accept as proposed with the following provisions: that the group insure that the trees and shrubs removed are replaced by trees and shrubs that will mature to a comparable size, that Sunnyside Stock Farm riders have access from Sweetwater Road to the river and maintain that crossing during construction.

Motion made by Rick, seconded by Doc. Passed unanimously with 12 voting aye.

Item 6: P56-020W1 Log No. 02-18-006 Church of the good Shepherd Major Use Permit Modification. Action Item.

Motion: Send the same letter with concerns about the additional traffic, sewage, lack of drainage, and lighting to the County.

Motion made by Georjean, seconded by Doc. 11 voted.

Rick opposed. John abstained. 9 voted aye.

Item 7: V54-161W1 Buxton Request @ 3747 Avenida San Miguel requesting variance approval to reduce front yard setback from 50' to 35'. Action Item.

It turned out that Planning Group agreed the first time around, but the County said no.

Motion: To resend our position on this request.

Motion made by Alan, seconded by Rick. Vote: Unanimous with 12 members voting.

Item 8: LAFCO DA08-12 Acacia Ave. Haber.93 acre between Acacia and Palm Dr. Annexation to Spring Valley Sanitation District. Turns out this is a 'for your information'.

Item 9: deleted

Announcements:

Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Greg Cox's office, gave this information: The Board of Supervisors got the letter concerning the situation with property foreclosures and the upkeep afterward. Code enforcement can respond to code violations but will also have to use existing tools to respond to other complaints. Master developments or developments that have a HOA will have an easier time getting their needs met, but at the present time, there is not enough funding to go around. The County wants to keep the trails open. But if the developers miss the short environmental window, the project will be further delayed.

Mark asked that the County keep the river bottom clear so as to not have a disaster such as was recently experienced in the Tijuana River Valley.

A question was raised about dumping on Procter Valley Road. Mike said that he would send the request to the proper person, as they are still sorting out who does what.

John wanted to know about the Briarwood Light.

It seems there was some sort of delay, but the light was still in place.

Georjean mentioned again about the flooding of her property by the water from the Chula Vista development above her.

Uwe said that there was not enough gravel at a crossing and that more would really be helpful as it was unwise to cross when it stopped as the horses suddenly found themselves knee deep in mud.

Muriel noticed that along with larger stop signs, workers seemed to be very busy at Bonita Woods.

It turns out they're putting a light in there too. So, while we didn't want the light at Sweetwater and Briarwood, the light at Bonita Woods may be of some use.

Harriet concluded with this note: The Arco station on the corner of Bonita and Otay Lakes Road is doubling it's size and adding another row of pumps. Anyone who wants to complain has until the thirteenth to make a statement.

Motion to adjourn, Rick seconded by Liz
Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm
Respectfully submitted by;
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2009